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SF Dept. of Justice Crime

ANALYSIS OF STREET
INTERVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1985
(N=179)

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SF Mayor's Homeless Commission

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Veteran Status

Yes	36.4%
No	63.6%

Vietnam Era?

Yes	50%
No	50%

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- 73 percent said "benefits" didn't last the whole month
- 32 percent reported they had been hospitalized for mental health reasons
- 42 percent reported they had alcohol problems
- 42 percent reported they had had a drink in the past 24 hours
- 21 percent reported they had a drug problem
- 22 percent reported they had been hospitalized in the last 3 months
- 35 percent reported they had sought some form of counseling assistance
- 35 percent reported having been picked up by the police in the recent past - mostly for drinking in public, begging and blocking a sidewalk
- 78 percent reported they ate at congregate feeding sites with 78 percent of them reporting they ate at St. Anthony's
- 45 percent were under the influence of either drugs or alcohol at the time of interview (32.8% alcohol, 11.8% drugs).



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Length of Stay in San Francisco - All Sites

Median: 5.5 years

Range: 1 day - 67 years

UN Plaza:

Median: 7 months

Range: 1 day - 54 years

Powell-Market:

Median: 9 years

Range: 3 months - 21 years

Civic Center Plaza:

Median: 6 years

Range: 5 months - 37 years

Hallidie Plaza:

Median: 6 years

Range: 2 days - 38 years

16th/Mission

Median: 21.5 years

Range: 1 day - 67 years

Length of Time in San Francisco

(N=122)

<u>Length</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0-3 mos.	28	23.0%
4-6 mos.	11	9.0%
7-12 mos.	10	8.2%
13-23 mos.	3	2.5%
2-5 yrs.	11	9.0%
6-10 yrs.	15	12.3%
11-20 yrs.	19	15.6%
21 yrs.	25	20.5%
Unknown	(2)	

o Age - All Sites

Mean: 36.9

Median: 34.0

Range: 17-84

U.N. Plaza:

Mean: 32.0

Median: 28.0

Range: 18-73

Powell-Market:

Mean: 35.3

Median: 33.0

Range: 23-45

Civic Center Plaza:

Mean: 41.9

Median: 35.0

Range: 31-84

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Hallidie Plaza: Mean: 36.5
 Median: 32.0
 Range: 17-67

16th - Mission: Mean: 44.1
 Median: 41.0
 Range: 23-75

1. Where Slept on September 23, 1985? (N=122)

	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Shelter	20	16.4%
Hotel	27	22.1%
Doorway	40	32.8%
Apartment	3	2.5%
House	10	8.2%
Friends	13	10.7%
Other	9	7.4%
Unknown	(2)	

2. Regularly Stay there? (N=119)

	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	95	79.8%
No	24	20.2%
Unknown	(5)	

3. What Do You Do During The Day? (N=119)

	<u>N</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Work	10	8.4%
Library	1	.8%
Streets	48	40.3%
Public Transportation	2	1.7%
Park	38	31.9%
Spare Change	2	1.7%
Look for Work	11	9.2%
Other	7	5.9%
Unknown	(5)	

(Streets + Parks + Spare Change + Library + Public Trans = 91 or 76.5%)

